finally to vote on the tariff bill Jan. 20. This is to practical harmony with the Republican propontion, save in the matter of night sessions.

Bailey Might Try This Plan.

Washington Special. Father Larkin, who has just been made a chaplain in the army, obtained his confirmation from the Senate through pure grit. He had been bluffed off by the Senate military committee until his patience was exhausted. Last Thursday he entered the committee-room and, calling the clerk aside, said, in a tone of voice which could be heard in all parts of the room: "Look here, young man, I want my nomination sonfirmed. I want my case settled so that I can draw my money. I have no money, and the hotel people say that if I don't pay my bill I'll have to go. Tell the committee my predicament." An hour later the Senate had approved of his appointment. His name was the only one acted on in a large batch of nominations before the committee.

Merely Senatorial Dignity.

Washington Special. A good deal of quiet fun goes on in the Senate that the world never hears of. For example, a certain Senator who is a candidate for re-election before the Legislature of his State this winter was sitting in his seat this afternoon with a very stern and gloomy expression upon his face. One of his colleagues approached him and said: "What's the matter General? You look as if

you were frightened. Have you heard bad "My dear sir." was the reply, "the expression you mistake for fright is nothing but senatorial dignity. Three very influential citizens of my State are sitting in the opposite gallery and are watching me with critical eyes. Go away and

Purity of Elections.

micd your own business."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 .- Mr. Holman, of Indiana, to-day introduced a bill to preserve the purity of elections. It provides that any person who shall solicit or receive contributions to be used at any Presidential election shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine or imprisonment. It is declared that this provision shall not apply to money used in printing ballots, running newspapers, and otherwise disseminating information. Persons who bribe others, or are bribed, are disfranshised from holding office for five years, besides being subject to fine and imprisonment.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—General Browne will spend the Christmas holidays at home if the House takes a recess and he can catch up with his correspondence and departmental and congressional work. The General is greatly improved in health since his return to Washing-

Miss Maud McCollough, who is attending the Female Seminary at Hagerston, Md., left for her home at Anderson this afternoon to spend the holidays. She will return immediately after the new year is ushered in.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Thos. Burke, of Washington Territory, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Washington, vice Charles E.

Judge Edmund Waddell, jr., Republican candidate for Congress in the Third district of Virginia, has served notice of contest upon Repre-

sentative George D. Wise, on the ground of obstruction of voters. The secretary of the inaugural committee, Colonel Swords, has had a letter from Russell Harrison, now in New York. He expects Mr. Harrison in a day or two, and thinks something

STILL COUNTING BALLOTS.

may be learned then of his father's plans.

The San Francisco Recount Promises to Give the Republicans Another Congressman. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.-The recount of votes cast at the recent election for the office of Mayor has been in progress here several weeks. E. B. Pond, Democrat, the present Mayor of the city, was declared re-elected last November, according to the official returns. The proceedings for the recount were commenced by C. C. O'Donnell, the independent candidate. Over one-half of the precincts in the city have been recanvassed so far, and a number of discrepancies been discovered, generally in O'Donnell's favor. The recount has shown that in one precinct forty-seven votes, and in another forty-one votes, which were cast for O'Donnell were counted for Pond, and for Story, the Republican nominee, by the present election officers. Judge Fino, presiding judge of the Superior Court, delivered his charge to the grand jury to-day, and called special attention to the commission of frauds in certain precincts in canvassing and return of votes cast at the recent election. He cited these two precincts in particular, and declared that the discrepancies between the returns made by the election officers in these precincts and votes actually cast for O'Donnell left no room for doubt but that gross frauds were perpetrated in the original canvass and the return of the vote. A portion of the Fifth congressional district is located in this city, and during the progress of the recount of the mayoralty vote, an unofficial canvass has been made of the congressional vote. The official returns from the Fifth district showed that F. J. Clunie, Democrat, had received a majority of forty-seven over T. G. Phelps, Republican. This unofficial re-canvass in but twelve precincts out of the eighty precincts of the Fifth district which are located in San Francisco. The Chronicle, Republican, claims that the official re-canvass so far shows

sincts thus far canvassed. Official Canvass in Minnesota. ST. PAUL, Dec. 19.-The State canvassing board completed its work this afternoon. The following are the official figures on the recent

that Phelps has gained seventy-six votes, or

entire district. The Examiner, Democrat, dis-

putes the claim of the Republicans, and asserts

that this unofficial recount shows that Clunie

has gained twenty-eight votes in the twelve pre-

For President-Harrison, 142,492; Cleveland, 104,385; Fisk, 15,311; Streetor, 1,097. For Governor-Merriam (Rep.), 134,355; Wilson (Dem.), 110,251; Harrison (Pro.), 17,026; Paul (Labor), 384; scattering, 72. For Lieutenant-Governor-Rice (Rep.), 139,

984; Buck (Dem.), 104,808; Ormstandt (Pro.) 15.565; Pond (Lab.), 498; scattering 54. First Congressional District-Dunnell (Rep.), 18,829; Wilson (Dem.), 16,985; Taylor (Pro.), 1,-568; scattering, 5.

Second-Lind (Rep.), 25,699; Wilkinson (Dem.), 16,480; Edwards (Pro.), 2,924; scatter-Third-Hall (Rep.), 19,259; McDonald (Dem.)

16,391; Fosnes (Pro.), 1,843; scattering, 22. Fourth-Snyder (Rep.), 44,329; Rice (Dem.) 34.323; Pinkham (Pro.), 3,721; scattering. 7. Fifth-Comstock (Rep.), 31,350; Canning (Dem.), 3,831; Scott (Pro.), 4,254; scattering, 11. The total vote shows an increase of 63,268 over four years ago. At that time Blaine's plurality was 41.620; Harrison's plurality is 38,-107. The Republicans gain three Congressmen.

Election Figures from Texas. AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 19 .- McCall's vote for Comptroller in the recent election is about the average, being 245,892. Geer, Republican, receceived 83,865, and King, Union Labor, 6,192;

The official vote for Congressmen is as fol-First district-Stewart, 14,813; McDaniel, 9,817; Davis, 4,166.

Second-Martin, 16,210; Humphrey, 6,656. Third-Kilgore, 20,579; Farmer, 9,697. Fourth-Culberson (no opposition.) Fifth-Hare, 27,006; Thomas, 4,482. Sixth-Abbott, 26,812; Evans, 12,126. Seventh-Crain, 15,612; Brewster, 12,063.

Eighth-Moore, 21,022; Cook, 8,460; Sledge, Ninth-Mills, 20,701; Jones, 15,316. Tenth-Sayers, 24,094; Belknap, 12,266.

Eleventh-Lanham, 26,361; Redfield, 975; Desperate and Deadly Fight.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 19 .- Passengers on the Cotton Belt road to-night report a horrible tragedy at Paragould station, Ask. Last night officer Bryan, of Paragould, was detailed to serve a warrant on John Williams, who was charged with selling liquor contrary to the county law. Williams was discovered by the officer disguised as a negro. Williams resisted arrest, and during a running fire succeeded in mortally wounding officer Bryan and his two assistants. Willlams was also wounded and will probably die.

Russia's Champion Chess-Player.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- Mr. Steinitz has received a cablegram from the Russian chees champion, M. Tschigoorin, who is to be Mr. Steinitz's opponent in the forthcoming chess contest in Havaca, announcing that he would leave Copenhagen for New York on the steamship Thingvalla, which sailed on the 18th inst.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

Arrest of Two Counterfeiters, Who Strew Bogus Dollars Along the Roadway.

Mrs. Jackson Comes to the Defense of Her Husband in His Trial for Murder-Farmers' Institute-Several Fatal Accidents.

INDIANA.

Arrest of Two Young Men in Decatur County for Passing Counterfeit Money. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

GREENSBURG, Dec. 19 .- This afternoon two young men called at a restaurant at Newpoint, and bought 15 cents worth of lunch, gave a dollar in payment, and received their change. Soon after it was discovered that the dollar was a base counterfeit. Constable Clinton Price and an assistant started after the young men, who were then on their way up the railroad to ward this city. They were soon overtaken, and returned to Newpoint. On the way back they threw into the weeds by the road four bunches of counterfeit money, in all about \$100. They were brought here to jail to-night. One of them said to the Journal reporter that his name is Samuel Smith, twenty-one years old, a carpenter, worked at Wabash during the summer and voted there, but that his home is in Darke county, Ohio. The other man is a little older, but refuses to give his name. Smith said they came up from Lawrenceburg last night.

The Reunited Mother and Son.

Brooklyn Eagle, Dec. 18. Charles Lispenard, whose romantic and remarkable story of abduction from Brooklyn when a lad of six years and his return to his parents after an absence of twenty five years was told last Saturday, spent yesterday roaming about New York with his brother George seeing the sights. They returned early in the evening. The long lost son went directly to the home of his aged mother, Mrs. Merkle, who lives at 120 Eagle street, while his brother George returned to his family, at 118 Nassau avenue. Mr. Lispenard was seen later in the evening at 120 Eagle street, and repeated freely the story of his abduction. He will remain in Greenpoint until after the holidays, when he will return to his wife and child at Logansport, Ind., where he is engaged as a local Methodist preacher. In addition to the ministry Mr. Lispenard carries on a small paper-hanging business. He stands about five feet six inches in height, and has a very pleasant countenance. The home of Mrs. Merkle was visited yesterday by many callere, who extended their congratulations. In most instances the persons were utter strangers, and much annoyance to the family was the result. On his return to Logansport Mr. Lispenard will be accompanied by his mother and stepfather, who will remain with him and his family for some time.

The Jackson Murder Trial.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Dec. 19.-The trial of Elias Jack son, the Spikerville farmer, for killing Curtis Jellison on the night of Nov. 28, is drawing to a close. The court-house, to-day, was crowded with an army of witnesses for the defense and residents of the vicinity of Jackson's home who came in to hear the evidence. But very few facts of any consequence, in addition to those heretofore published, were adduced. Mrs. Jackson, the woman in the case, and the only person present at the scene of the shooting, was examined. At first condemning her husband bitterly for the shooting, she has now veered around and is attempting to defend him and save him from punishment. She contradicted herself several times to-day on the witness stand, and, though responding glibly enough to the interrogatories of the counsel for the defense, she snapped out vicious answers to the prosecutor. Opinion here is much divided as to the result of the trial, but it is the impression that Jackson will escape with not more than a ten-year's sentence, and possibly may go free. The taking of evidence will close to-morrow and a verdict will probably be reached Friday.

Agriculturists in Session.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Dec. 19.-The second meeting of the Seventh Agricultural District Farmers' Institute commenced in this city to-day, and will continue over to-morrow. There is a good attendance of farmers and their families from all parts of the county. An entertaining programme of exercises has been arranged, and a very profitable session is looked for. Among the strangers present are D. L. Thomas, president of the Swine-breeders' Association; Hon. John B. Conner, president of the Indiana Farmer Company; Dr. A. Furnas, president of the State Horticultural Society; Mrs. Ewing, of Purdue University; W. H. Lawrence, editor of the Agricultural Epitomist; Hon. R. M. Lockhart, of DeKaib county; Prof. Carl L. Wulff, of Purdue University; J. J. W. Billingsley, editor of the Drainage and Farm Journal; Col. John A. Bridgland, of Indianapolis; D. L. Thomas, of Rushville, and Jesse C. Stevens, of Centerville.

Hanover's Budding Orators.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal Madison, Dec. 19.—Hanover College is preparing for the annual oratorical contest, and a friendly rivairy exists among the students as to whom will be selected to represent that institution. The junior class gave an entertainment last night, the following subjects being distwenty-nine more than Clunie's majority in the | cussed: "Education in the South," by J. C. Nelson, Rising Sun; "The Birth-place of our Religion," J. M. Crowe, Remington; "Modern Machinery and Labor," C. E. Huffer, Muncie; "The Downfall of a Great Statesman," T. C. Moffett, Madison: "The Hero as a Philanthropist," G. H. Simonson, Hanover: "From Reformer to Fanatic," Horace Wiggam, Deputy; "E Pur Si Muovi," B. W. Tyler, Utica. On the 22d of February will be given a joint exhibition by the three literary societies of the college, followed in March by the spring exhibitions.

A School-Teacher Exonerated. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Dec. 19 .- Ernest L. Perkins, the Liberty township school-teacher, who was accused of taking improper liberties with a number of his girl pupils, was to-day completely vindicated. County Superintendent Myers, after a careful review of the testimony, declared that there was nothing to show that Perkins had done anything wrong in action or intent. Mr. Perkins comes from an influential and highly respected family, and has many friends who are greatly pleased over the de-nouement in this case. Mr. Perkins will continue in charge of his school.

Temperance Work at LaPorte.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal LAPORTE, Dec. 19.-The temperance crusade that has been conducted here for the past two weeks by the Murphy brothers, sons of the renowned Francis Murphy, was ended last night by a lecture by the "father of the Murphys," at Hall's Opera-house, on the subject "Real Life." The hall was packed from pit to gallery, making the elder Murphy's reception a royal one. About 3,000 signatures to the pledge have been secured here during the meetings. The LaPorte Gospel Temperance Union has been organized and officered by the reformed drinkers, backed by a directory of substantial citizens. The Murphy boys have done a good work here.

Killed While Uncoupling Cars.

Special to the Indianapolis Journay Rossville, Dec. 19.-E. F. Shortridge, of Delphi, a freight brakeman on the Monon route was killed here to-day. He had stepped between two cars to uncouple them, when his right foot became fastened between the rail and guardrail. The car next to him, with the engine. backed over him, crushing his body into a shapeless mass. No blame attaches to anyone, as the engineer could not see him at the time. The victim was a single man, about twenty four years old. His parents reside in Delphi.

Father Killed and Son Scalped in a Mine

special to the Indianapotre Journal COVINGTON, Dec. 19 .- A fatal accident oc curred, yesterday, in Babb's coal mine, southeast of this place about ten miles. Claiborne Hawkens and his son Monroe, aged about twenty, were working in the mine, digging con when the slate roof fell, killing Claiborne Hawkens at once and striking Monroe on the forehead and taking off his entire scalp. Although Monroe's wound is very serious, yet it is not thought to be fatal.

Big Yield of Corn. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

CORYDON, Dec. 19 .- Maj. J. S. Pfrimmer and James Benson, neighboring farmers of Franklin township, this county, made an agreement | jured men will be brought here.

last spring that the one raising the most corn on an acre of ground should have the yield of both acres. The corn has been gathered and is now in Mr. Benson's crib. He raised 111 bushels, while Major Pfrimmer only raised 109.

Killed His Daughter's Betrayer. LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 19 .- George W. Davis, of Marietta, whose daughter Lillie was ab ducted and ruined by Wm. L. Gregory, the indicted White cap, shot Gregory dead to-day in this city. Mr. Davis was heart-broken over the ruin of his chi ld, and his friends have known for some time that in case he met Gregory he would kill him. Gregory was indicted on several counts, and was to have been tried Dec. 26. at this place. He left Marietta on Saturday, and returning here, fell in the way of the enraged father whose child's life he had blighted. and was killed.

Crushed to Death by Machinery. Special to the Indiapapolis Journes.

Madison, Dec. 19 .- While oiling machinery at the ship yards, this afternoon, preparatory to launching the steamer Carrie Hope, Adolph Mc-Carty was caught in the shafting and crushed to death instantly, his neck and both legs being broken, and one hand cut off. He was about thirty years old and leaves a wife and two children in destitute circumstances.

Minor Notes,

Samuel Hoover, of Seymour, lost a hand, on Tuesday, while coupling cars at Delht. Grandmother Wright, ninety years of age, is an inmats of the Floyd county poor asylum. Rev. S. Roosevelt, of Goshen, has received a

Mrs. Josiah Antrim, aged seventy years, living ten miles west of Marion, fell dead, Tuesday, of heart disease.

call to the Episcopal Church at Grand Rapids,

The Edmiston & Ammon minstrel troupe, which started from Marion a week ago, is

stranded at Portland. Jacob Ropp, a youg man, is on trial at Shelbyville for the murder of Jacob Medsker, a neighbor and friend, last July.

Rev. T. L. Hughes, of Shelbyville, will probably be called to the First Presbyterian Church at Franklin, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. Captain Watts, of Madison, has sold his gelding Skidmore to Mr. Cook, of Philadelphia, for

\$5,000. Skidmore is Drennen stock, and is the best green horse known. D. S. Kivett, Fred Asher and Baylord Rogers, of Martinsville, have been lodged in jail on the charge of having con that place some time ago.

and its contents, belonging to John Strack, of De Kalb county, entailing a loss of \$1,000. They are now trying to kill off his live stock. Petitions are in circulation for the appointment of a receiver for the city of New Albany.

Unknown persons last week burned a barn

It is thought an arrangement of this kind will help to tide the place over its financial difficul-The wife of David Harris, of Clay county, recently gave birth to three boy babies, weighing three and a half pounds each. They are all

healthy. The mother is only fifteen years of

The Jackson county farmers are elated over the immense cora crop just harvested. The yield varies from twenty-five bushels to the acre in the uplands to over eighty in the river bot-

William Gerard, assistant yardmaster for the Ohio & Mississippi company at North Vernon, was caught between the bumpers while making a coupling, on Monday, and was crushed to

A mare valued at \$1,000, belonging to E. V. Mitchell, of Martinsville, was shot through the tendon of the leg, on Tuesday, by an unknown person passing through the farm. The mare is ruined as a racer. Citizens of Cloondale township, Putnam coun-

of George W. Martin, a life-prisoner at Jeffersonville, for the murder of his wife in that county sixteen years ago. Thomas Hayes, a wealthy and prominent farmer of Daviess county, left for the wilds of Arkansas on a hunting trip a few weeks ago. His

ty, are protesting against the proposed pardon

wife worried so much over his absence that she has become a raving maniac. The bones of a mastodon were recently found in a swamp on the farm of Rudolph Hoover. near Cambridge City. They all crumbled to dust, however, on being exposed to the air,

with the exception of two teeth. During the last few days Mrs. Alvira Drane, Margaret Gooden, Agnes Bucknell and Mollie Levi were sent to the State Hospital for the Insane from Osgood, and Walter McClain, George Eglew and Harvey Altizer, from the same place, to the school for feeble-minded youth at Rich-

Among the many converts through the revival work of Rev. Mr. Rankin, at Toner's Chapel. near Shelbyville, is Flem Kennedy, a wealthy farmer, seventy-five years of age. The ceremony of baptism will be performed at his own home, in the presence of his mother, who is

nearly one hundred years old.

ILLINOIS. Gleanings from Exchanges and Cullings from Correspondence.

An artesian well 3,000 feet deep will be sunk in Centralia. Rev. J. G. Johnston, D. D., of Mountain City,

Tenu., has accepted a call from the churches at Deland and Weldon. Mrs. S. T. Ring has been adjudged insane in Marshall. One of her hallucinations was that she was the mother of Christ.

The White Caps have turned their attention to the coal-dealers of Aurora, and threaten to tar and feather them if they sell short weights. Nine Douglas county and ex-county officers have been sued for a total of \$17,000, said to be due the treasury. The arrears date back to

their biennial report to Governor Oglesby at Springfield, on Tuesday. Of the \$136,000 appropriated by the last Legislature only \$25,000 was expended. Mrs. Jane Burd, of Marissa, died on Tuesday

The commissioners of Joliet prison made

from the effect of an overdose of tincture of visatrum, administered by her husband through mistake. The lady had been ill with intermittant fever for some time.

Mrs. Gottlieb Hender, and aged German lady, who lived near Pinckneyville, committed suicide on Tuesday by hanging herself to a rafter in her barn. She committed the deed to escape from long-continued ill-health.

OBITUARY.

Hon. Finley Bigger, Register of the Treasury, Under Two Administrations. Special to the Indianapolis Journes.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Dec. 19 .- Hon. Finley Bigger, sr., died at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. W. A. Pugh, last night at 10 P. M., in the eightysecond year of his ago. The funeral will take place at the residence of Dr. Pugh to-morrow at

Mr. Bigger's life, although varied, has always een prominent. He became a member of the Rush county bar in 1836, and in 1852 was appointed to the position of Register of the Treasury under President Pierce, and served throughout his administration and Buchanan's. He was appointed by Governor Williams to the position of trustee of the Reform School at Plainfield, and served in that capacity until his health failed He was a son of Hon. John Bigger, who was a member of the Ohio Legislature for many years, and a brother to Hon. Samuel Bigger, who was elected Governor of Indiana in 1840.

Other Deaths.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 19 - Intelligence was received here this afternoon of the death of Ed-win O. Perrin in New York city, to-day, after a protracted illness. He was born in Spingfield, O., Dec. 3, 1822, and had served as clerk of Court of Appeals since 1868. He studied law under the Hon. Samson Mason and was admitted to practice in Ohio in 1842. He was navy agent at Memphis, Tenn., under President Taylor.

Winchendon, Mass., Dec. 19.-Dr. Ira Russell died this morning, aged seventy-four. He entered the army as a surgeon, and at the close of the war he was honorably discharged with the rank of brevet lieutenant-colonel. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Loyal Legion, vice-president of the New York Medicolegal Society, and past vice-president of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Bridge Workmen Drowned,

HOOKSET, N. H., Dec. 19 .- A short distance north of this station are three wooden bridges spanning the Merrimae river on the Suncook branch of the Concord rauroad. These bridges have been undergoing repairs, and on account of the ice and high water it has been necessary to stay them with heavy timbers. This forenoon a large gang of men were at work on the middle bridge, when the ice suddenly, and without warning, began to move, precipitating the bridge and eleven men over the falls and into the water. Three men were drowned, the remaining eight were rescued in an injured condition. The drowned men belonged at Suncook. A relief train has been dispatched and the inA REALISTIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Presentation of "Ben-Hur" at the Home of the Author, Who Assists in the Work.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 19 .- Last even ing was the occasion of the second presentation of the great spectacular "Ben-Hur." given at Music Hall under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church. The entertainment was devoted to tableaux representing scenes in "Ben-Har," the great work of Gen. Lew Wallace. Special scenery and costumes had been prepared under the direction of Gen. Wallace, and the representations were as near perfect as could be made. Just before each tableau portions from the work of "Ben-Hur" were read descriptive of the next following The first tableau was the wise men in the

desert. Two men were standing by a tent, and were gazing into the distance at a third man appearing upon a camel. By the tent a camel was kneeling down in the sand. Then followed the representation of the palace of Herod, who was upon his throne, the guards standing around, the three wise men seated before him, and incense burning. Everything was richly furnished, and seemed very realistic. The next was the parting of Ben-Hur and Messala at a pool, where they had been talking together, and just at the point where Ben-Hur said: "We had better part. I sought a friend and found a Roman." The palace of Ben-Hur was represented with three scenes. The first one is where Ben-Hur had entered the palace, gone up to his room and thrown himself upon divan to rest. Amran, an Egyptian slave, had been in to see what he desired to eat, and had returned with the food, and was kneeling by his side offering the salver. The second scene was the summer garden upon the house-top, and the mother of Ben-Hur. The other was a song by Tirza, listened to by Ben-Hur. The fifth tableau was the scene of the house of Simonides, whom Ben-Hur had gone to see, and where Ben-Hur met Esther. Simonides had a slave girl bring some wine and offer it to Ben-Hur, who "touched her hand gently to put it away." The garden of Daphne was one of the best tableaux. Besides the people represented, there were several pieces of statuary, and around and among the people and statuary young girls tripped to music. This was very good, and the curtain had to go up the second time. The tableau of the Orchard of Palms was an excellent representation. The eighth tableau was where Ben-Hur and Iras were in a boat, rowing in the moonlight, with a song by lras. The next was where Ben-Hur had fallen asleep upon the doorstep of the palace, and where his mother and sister find him. They recognize him, and are standing, gazing at him, and Tirza would have kissed him, but was prevented by her mother. The Hur-palace was represented with Iras, Esther, Ben-Hur, Balthasar and Simonides. The eleventh tableau represented Ben Hur standing with outstretched arms toward two women, and exclaiming: "Mother, Tirza, here I am." In the twelfth tableau was Ben-Hur standing by a large chair, with one hand upon the back, and gazing upon the sleeping face of Esther, who was in the chair. Ben-Hur was wondering in his mind if she loved him, and he was sure that he loved her. The next was the home of Ben-Hur, with Esther and children, and was just where Iras had stooped to kiss the sleeping The entertainment closed with the tableau

children upon the floor. of the great chariot race won by Ben-Hur. It represented Ben-Hur and his fiery steeds dashing into the winning goal. One of the front horses had partly failen down, and the horse behind was running up with mane floating in the breeze. The other two horses were seeming to be coming as under a check. Ben-Hur was standing in his chariot, with the lines firmly grasped in both hands, and slightly drawn back upon the walls were people who had witnessed the great race. This last tableau alone was worth a long journey to

The receipts of the two evenings were about \$600, the net proceeds of which will go toward the purchase of a pipe organ for the Methodist Church. The selections from Ben-Hur were read by Miss Flora Darter, and the following persons assumed characters: Ben-Hur, Mort Keegan; Messala, Will Morton; Amrah, Mrs. Harley Ornbaun; Esther, Rozzi Darter; mother Ben-Hur, Miss Hattie Ashley; Iras, Miss Mary Robinson; Tirza, Miss Edna Dice; Simonides, John W. Ramsey; Balthasar, Ross Campbell; Casper, George Durham; Melchior, Milt Burk; Herod, Wm. Lee; Diana, Miss Ada Detchon; Ceres, Miss Josie Fullenwider. The description of the chariot race was spoken by O. D. Humphrey in an imposing manner. It is probable that the entertainment will be

repeated at Covington, Greencastle, Terre Haute and elsewhere.

Trying to Dispel a "Hoodoo" Charm. WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 19.-A remarkable story is told by a merchant from Kingman county. "Near the little village of Bross, Kingman county," he said, "lives a farmer named Bartlett, with his family, consisting of a son of twenty-one, a daughter of sixteen, and one of eight. The domestic work was done by a negro woman, who was formerly a slave. She imagined that she was 'hoodoosd.' The person suspected of having placed the spell on her was the elder daughter of her employer, and she informed the girl of her suspicions. The young lady determined to have some fun out of the old negress, and said she was determined to keep the spell up until her victim was dead. The negress then commenced to design a means of ridding herself of this terrible spell. A few nights ago she and the girl were left alone in the house while the rest of the family went to a neighbor's. The negress attacked the girl and tied her hands and feet, stripped her of all he clothing, beat her unmercifully and concluded her revenge by smearing the girl's body with paint. She then locked her victim up in a room and disappeared. It was not till the following morning that the girl was discovered. She is now in a critical condition. The negress has

not yet been found." Another account says the negress, after painting the girl's body, tied her up in an old fireplace and built a fire about her and then fled. The girl was shortly afterward found by a neighbor and rescued from her perilous position. but died during the night. The country is being scoured for the negress, and if she is found will be lynched.

A Queer Express War. LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 19 .- The Adams Express Company had the exclusive right over all the railroads to carry express matter between New York and Philadelphia, when the United States company leased the express privileges over the track of the Central railroad, of New Jersey, last May. In order to reach Philadelphia, the United States Express Company was compelled to send its goods by way of the Central railroad, of New Jersey, the Long Branch, and the New Jersey Central railroad to Bayside. The packages were then sent from Bayside, about fifty miles from Philadelphia, on a fast steamboat. This route was long and expensive, and has been abandoned. The United States Express Company now sends its goods in special express cars direct to Philadelphia over the Central ratiroad, of New Jersey. When the sealed cars reach their destination the packages again resume their old position as express matter, and are promptly delivered. The Adams company's officials will apply to the courts to Raidy is thought to be in East Constable, N. Y. stop the new scheme of the rival concern. Hence, on the coast, the two companies are still vigorously fighting for the traffic, The rates are so low that the big merchants find the express cheaper than freight.

Skinning a Dead Elephant. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19 .- The work of re-

moving the skin from the remains of Chief. the elephant strangled at the winter quarters of Adam Forepaugh's circus several days ago, was commenced by C. E. Mirquet, taxidermist, of Rochester, this morning, in the yard in the rear of the biological department of the University of Pennsylvania. Several barrels of alumina fluid were injected into the carcass after the body had been raised in the air by tackle suspended from a big cross bar. A shed will be constructed over the body, and after the skinning process is completed the work of dissection will commence. It is thought that about three months will be occupied in cutting up the carcass, and it will be fully two years before a report will be made of it by the staff of surgeons. As the dissection progresses drawings will be made of the different parts, and the skin will be joined and set up in the college museum.

The "Q" Dynamite Trials. GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 19 .- The taking of testimony in the "Q" dynamite trial was closed today, and State's attorney Hanchett, of Aurora, began the opening argument before the jury. The principal witness before the speeches began was Henry T. Tobman, an expert in microscopy, who testified that he had carefully examined exhibits of letters and checks alleged to be in Bauereisen's handwriting, and, in his opinion, two, possibly three, persons wrote them. A microscope was brought in, and the letters examined by counsel and jurymen, soon after which the speech-making began.

Anarchists Will Defy the Authorities. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.-The Arbeiter Bund, au Anarchist organization which the police have been trying to suppress, is preparing to hold a HAMBURG

ties. The ostensible object of the gathering is to adopt a constitution and by-laws and elect of ficers. The proceedings will be secret. Members of the bund to-day declared they fully expect the police will attempt to prohibit or disperse the meeting. To meet this emergency the members are talking of going into court and procuring an injunction to prevent the police from interfering.

Business Embarrassments.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- Waite & Bartlett, mannfacturers of electrical instruments, are asking an extension from their creditors, presenting a statement of liabilities, \$11,000, and assets, The creditors of Morris Jacobowsky, manufacturer of purses, at 113 West Broadway, are anx-

ious to find him. He has bought \$40,000 worth of goods in this city, Newark and Philadelphia recently. It is said he deeded a house and lot in Harlem to his daughter. WAUPACA, Wis. Dec. 19.-The Ostrander Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of

furniture at Ostrander, Wanpaca county, made assignment to day, in consequence of an attach-ment served this morning. The claims under which the attachment was issued amount to \$7,200. The total liabilities are \$30,000, and the nominal assets are not stated. A series of losses by fires and other accidents are the cause of

ALPENA, Mich., Dec. 19.-The lumber firm of Lee R. Sanborn & Son made an assignment yesterday. The liabilities are reported at \$70,000. C. B. Greely was appointed assignee. Assets not known.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 .- A. Ebert, of the Crystal Palace, No. 17 West Fourth street, made an assignment this afternoon. Assets, \$35,000 liabilities, \$50,000.

Important Change in the Tobacco Trade. NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The Evening Sun, in an extra edition, prints this: 'It is understood that the negotiations were completed to-day by which the contract for the manufacture of the Henry Clay brand of Havana cigars, as well as the most important tobacco fields of Cuba, has passed into the hands of an English syndicate. Senor Alvarez, owner of the Henry Clay brand, signed the papers in this city to-day. The amount involved is about \$4,000,000."

Rev. Isaac Errett. CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.-The Rev. Isaac Errett. of the Christian Church, one of the oldest and best known divines in it, died at his residence in Terrace Park this morning, at a very advanced age. He was an early, dear and life-long friend of the late President Garfield, and took a prominent part in the funeral of the murdered President at Cleveland. He was president of the Standard Publishing Company, and for long years has been editor-in-chief of the Christian Standard, printed in this city.

Jay Gould Ordered to Sea. NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The Telegram says that Jay Gould has been ordered by his physician to take another sea voyage, and will sail on the yacht Atalanta for the Bermudas about

Christmas. George Gould said to-night there was no truth in the report. Dr. Baldwin said he had not advised Mr. Gould to leave the city. His health did not require it, and there was no likelihood of his going away while Mrs. Gould was ill.

Consolidation of Electric-Light Interests. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-The Star says that it is reported that a combination of all the Edison electric light interests is being formed with a capital of about \$2,000,000. Edison light stock has been steadily rising on the exchange and has reached \$170. Henry Villard is reported to be acting in the matter for foreign investors. It is also supposed that the other electric-light interests will be absorbed

FINDLAY, O., Dec. 19.—Leakage in a naturalgas fixture caused a fire in the Western Rapid Typewriter factory. The building was entirely consumed with all its contents. The loss is \$30,000, with \$5,000 insurance. Russell, Kan., Dec. 19.-A number of business houses were destroyed by fire here this morning. Total loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Losses by Fire.

\$50,000; partially insured.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 19 .- The Capital flour-

ing-mills were destroyed by fire to-night. Loss,

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The steamer Travers, which sailed yesterday

for Southampton and Bremen, took out \$1,000, 000 in gold and 700 sacks of mail. Gen. Jacob D. Cox has resigned as chancellor of Ciucinnati University on the ground that the money paid him as salary can be better expend-

ed for apparatus and library. A shock of earthquake was felt in Washington and Warren counties, New York, at 5:45 yesterday morning. The vibration lasted about four seconds. Buildings were violently shaken A telegram from Findlay, O., says that White Caps, early yesterday morning, demolished John Messomore's saloon at Rawson. The liquor was poured into the street and a note put

up warning him not to resume business.

train was passing a huge tree was torn up by the roots and came crashing down upon the cars, breaking through the roof of the baggage car and smashing one coach. No one was hurt. The Governor of Kansas, yesterday, granted a pardon to Thomas C. Thurston, once a leading attorney of Leavenworth, who was convicted.

A milk train encountered a cyclone yesterday

morning near New Foundland, N. J. As the

in 1880, of assault with intent to kill upon Col. D. R. Anthony, editor of the Leavenworth Times, and sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment. In the Kings county court, in Brooklyn, yesterday, Richard Clark hurled a large ink-stand at ex-Alderman Kinney, of New York city. The glass hit him on the head and flew to pieces. The ex-alderman was dazed by the blow, and it is thought he is seriously injured. The court was not in session at the time, and Clark made his escape. Clark was sued by a relative of Kinney's for disposing of property

left by another relative.

A Forger and a Bigamist. NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Dec. 19 .- On Nov. 27 the marriage of Thomas Raidy with Miss Margaret Moore was prevented by Rev. Charles Burke, when the parties stood at the altar, the priest not being convinced of the death of Raidy's former wife. The next day Raidy left for Port Huron, N. Y., to get evidence of his wife's death, with which he returned on Thursday following. The marriage took place that evening. The Monday following, Raidy and wife left town suddenly, which caused suspicion. Investigation indicates that Raidy is a bigamist and forger. He married his first wife at Port Henry, some years ago, She was a Protestant and he a Catholic. He deserted her, and has not since been heard of by his abandoned wife. To allay the suspicions of the priest, he produced letters from his first wife's sister, saying that his first wife was dead: also, a telegrm from John O'Rourke, parish priest at Port Huron, stating the fact of her death. The priest considered this conclusive, but the missives proved forgeries, as well as a written statement of W. H. Treadway, of Port Huron, stating he witnessed the burial of Raidy's wife. This week Father Burke received a letter stating that Raidy's wife is living, and had been in that town lately begging from door to door.

The Future of the Clevelands.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19 .- A local paper this morning says: "Mrs. Cleveland says she is enjoying her stay here very much, as she always does. She is very fond of Philadelphia, and would like to make her home here after the close of the present administration. Indeed, there has been some serious consideration of that subject, but strong business reasons were advanced in favor of a residence by the President in or near New York. It is now quite decided that upon the expiration of his term the President and Mrs. Cleveland will reside at Orange, N. J., and Mr. Cleveland will have an important business occupation in New York. The President has been offered the management of several figancial institutions in New York city, and it is understood that he is quite decided to accept one of the offers. He has also heen tendered some law partnerships in New York, but it is said he has decided not to return to the practice of law pure and simple.

Serious Charge Against C. S. Cutting. CHICAGO, Dec. 19. - Charles S. Cutting, a master in chancery and a member of the county board of education, was arrested this morning, charged with being accessory to a burglary. Some time ago about \$2,100 worth of bonds were stolen from the office of a hardware firm. Cutting, it is said, began negotiations for return of the bonds. This led to his arrest. In the police court, this morning, the case was continued. His office was searched for the missing bonds, but they were not found. Mr. Cutting. when seen, said he could not understand why he had been arrested, and denied all criminality and the matter.

Steamship News. LONDON, Dec. 19.-Sighted: Amsterdam, from New York for Rotterdam. ROTTERDAM, Dec. 19. - Arrived: Edam, from

New York. HAMBURG, Dec. 19 .- Arrived: Rugia, from AN INDIGNITY TO THE FLAG.

Unknown Persons Nail the National Emblem to a Telephone Pole-Action of Judge Speer.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 19 .- Some unknown persons last night nailed a large United States flag to a telephone pole in this city, on one of the principal streets, where it could be seen by a large portion of the population. To-day the attention of officers of the United States Court, now in session here, was called to the matter, and the United States marshal, Hon. Lucius M. Lamar, after consultation with Judge Emery Speer, sent out his deputies, who removed the flag and ran it up over the United States building on a flag pole furnished by the jury in attendance upon the court. Judge Speer, in thanking the jury for their action, strongly reprobated the conduct of the persons who had placed this indignity upon the national ensign, and said such occurrences gave a character to the Southern people which they did not deserve. He alluded in forcible terms to the blessings and advantages the people enjoy under the flag. The incident created quite a sensation. All the officers of the court, including the Judge and Marshal, are ex-confederates.

INCIDENTS OF THE MARVELOUS

A Lost Ring Found Through a Dream-A Faculty for Finding Stolen Money.

Saratoga Special to New York Sun. John M. Eddy, a prosperous farmer living two miles south of this village, habitually wears on the little finger of his left hand a heavy ring. An incident occurred recently in connection with this ring, which causes Mr. Eddy to prize

it so much that he says he would not be willing

to part with it at any price. "A short time ago," said Mr. Eddy, "I was at work with my men in a large field, cutting up corn and setting it up in stooks. In the evening, while at supper, I noticed that my ring was gone. It was lost, but where and when, I had not the slightest idea. But to have lost the ring worried me. Now, I am no spiritualist nor "medium," nor believe in ghosts, but as true as you live, that night in my dreams, or, at all events, in my sleep, somebody came to me and told me just where the ring was and showed me the exact spot where I could find it. The next morning, being impressed by the vision, or whatever you choose to call it, of the night before, I went straight into the cornfield, in the direction indicated and amid surrounding objects made familiar by my dream, until, recognizing the very stock of corn that had been shown me, I removed it, and there, pressed into the ground by the butts of the stalks, was my lost ring, just as it had been shown me in my sleep. I know this seems like a strange story," said Mr. Eddy, "but it is true, and I tell you it would take a good deal of

money to induce me to part with that ring."

Here is another strange incident: There is an aged widow living in the near suburbs of Saratoga who has a wonderful gift or faculty for finding lost and especially stolen articles or money. A notable instance of her marvelous gift has just occurred. A few days ago a young woman servant in a wealthy family, being about to leave her place, was paid \$50 in money, it being the wages due her. The next day she discovered that her money was gone, but whether lost or stolen she could not tell. After several days, during which many vain attempts were made to find or recover her money, the gir having heard of the "Witch Woman," as she is called, went to her, and simply said: "Mother I have lost \$50. Help me to find it." The old lady regarded her for a moment, and then, as in a trance, without speaking a word, put on her things, and, taking the girl by the hand, walked silently and swiftly to the residence of the family where the girl had recently been employed. On entering the house and living-room of the family, a young man sitting there was peremptorily told to take off a shoe and stocking and submit to search. He did so. On removing his stocking, it was observed that there was a bandage about the limb, reaching well up from the ankle, as though put there to reduce a sprain. The old lady tore off this bandage from the limb, and shaking it out, there fell from its folds the identical \$50 which the girl had losta \$10 and two \$20 bills.

This is only one of many instances of the wonderful faculty of the "Witch Woman" for finding lost and stolen articles. She says she doesn't know how she does it, but suspects that "somebody does it for her."

American Turf Congress. CINCINNATI, Dec. 19 .- The American Turf Congress had a short session this forencon, after which it took a recess till 3 P. M. to allow delegates to confer with reference to dates. President Brewster says that Nashville and Memphis have never been expelled from the association; that they were simply dropped from the rolls. He says the clubs of these two cities are at liberty now to apply for membership and become members. Late in the afternoon the congress met for business in executive session. The report of the committee on rules was adopted. This made two changes. First, it raised the scale of four pounds, with the usual allowance for mares, but none for geldings; second, it required that sealed bids shall be deposited in all selling races within fifteen minutes after the race, which bids shall be opened by the presiding judge, who shall divide the surplus between the second horse and the associ-

The association admitted two new members, the Overland Park club and the Kansas City club. Racing dates were fixed as follows for the coming spring meeting of 1889: Louisville, May 9-18; St. Louis, June 1-15; Kansas City, June 17-22; Chicago, June 22-July 20: St. Paul, July 23-31. The congress will meet next at Louisville at the call of the president.

A Teacher of Whist.

The Epoch. Miss Wheelock, of Milwaukee, is one of the three women in this country who make a business of teaching the game of whist. She is a pleasant-featured, frail little woman with much pluck and more perseverance. She is said to be one of the best whist players in the United States, and a recognized authority, having written several works on whist which have been issued by different railroad companies. Although she has been engaged in this rather odd occupation for a little over a year only, she has had 193 pupils, and is about to extend her sphere in this direction by teaching classes in Chicago. It is undoubtedly due to her teaching that Milwaukee has become such a whist center.

National Republican League. NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The executive committee of the Republican league of the United States met at the headquarters in this city, 202 Fifth avenue, to-day. President Foster occupied the chair. As the business to be transacted, naming the date and place for the national convention, had been already made known, most of the delegates were represented by proxy. The date of the national convention was set for Feb. 28 next and March 1; the place, Baltimore. This arrangement was devised in order to give the many members, from all over the country, a chanse to see President Harrison's inaugura-

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